Honolulu, Hawaii
RLNOM28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1745 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1745, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the law governing public charter schools by, among other things:

- (1) Authorizing the State Public Charter School Commission to assess fees on non-state entities and individuals to help cover its operating costs;
- (2) Requiring that a charter applicant comply with preopening criteria set by the charter school authorizer before becoming an entity of the State, by entering into and executing a charter contract to open a school;
- (3) Providing that an approved charter applicant that fails to satisfactorily meet the pre-opening criteria and enter into a charter contract or withdraws its application will be required to reapply and have its charter application approved by a charter school authorizer;
- (4) Specifying that legislatively appropriated funding for the State Public Charter School Commission be independent of funding for charter schools;

- (5) Allowing charter school authorizers to make and execute contracts with respect to the Public Charter Schools Law;
- (6) Amending annual reporting requirements for charter school authorizers and the Board of Education;
- (7) Amending requirements for service on a governing board, for the conduct of meetings by a governing board, and for notice of meetings by a governing board;
- (8) Repealing the authorization for the formation of a conversion charter school by an existing Hawaiian language immersion program;
  - (9) Providing for the reconstitution of governing boards of charter schools under exigent circumstances;
- (10) Allowing charter school authorizers to direct a governing board and charter school to take appropriate action to immediately address serious health and safety issues that may exist at a charter school; and
- (11) Making various technical and conforming amendments to the Public Charter Schools Law.

The State Public Charter School Commission, Hoʻokākoʻo Corporation, Kualapuu School Public Conversion Charter, and the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance, Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School, SEEQS, and an individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1745, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1745, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

CVIVIA LUKE Chair

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 1745, HD1	Committee Referral: EDN, FIN	Date	e: 2/25/2014	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	District Secret Service Servic	Maximus Thomas Angus (1986) Panal do tobol Assistance		10 Water 111, y 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
<ul><li>6. ING, Kaniela</li><li>7. JORDAN, Jo</li></ul>				
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
10. MORIKAWA, Dee		7 - 75 St. 54 Sept. 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11		
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg			-	
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOODSON, Justin H.			TO SHOW THE STATE OF THE STATE	
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
17. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (17)	17	1.2		
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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